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RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_**

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*Introduced by: Murphy*

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A RESOLUTION memorializing Grant E. "Eli" Martin.

*Whereas, Grant E. "Eli" Martin volunteered to join a special commando unit in World War II;*

*Whereas, The unit, known as Darby's Rangers, was commanded by Colonel William Darby and was the first Rangers unit since the Revolutionary War;*

*Whereas, Eli Martin trained with British commandos in Scotland and was one of 50 Americans to join British commandos in the raid on Dieppe, France, in 1942;*

*Whereas, After being captured and held prisoner on Sicily,*

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*Eli Martin escaped and made his way back to his unit in North Africa;*

*Whereas, Eli Martin and his fellow Darby's Rangers were part of the vanguard of the invasion of Sicily and provided critical intelligence on the enemy, helping to ensure a successful campaign by General George Patton's army;*

*Whereas, Darby's Rangers fought their last battle as a unit at Cisterna where they were trapped by German tanks; of the 767 Rangers participating in the fight, only six survived death or capture;*

*Whereas, Eli Martin was captured at Cisterna and taken to a stalag in Germany;*

*Whereas, While a prisoner, Eli Martin escaped and was recaptured, tortured, and imprisoned;*

*Whereas, Eli Martin escaped his captors a third time and made his way back to American lines, and, after convalescing, he rejoined the war effort as a member of the 10th Mountain Division;*

*Whereas, Eli Martin was awarded two Bronze Stars for valor and two Purple Hearts during his service with Darby's Rangers;*

*Whereas, At the end of his service, Eli Martin returned to Louisville, Kentucky, where he married Kathleen Perry, raised a family, and served the citizens of Louisville until his retirement;*

*Whereas, Eli Martin was a Mason and a member of the Scottish Rite; and*

*Whereas, Grant E. "Eli" Martin's life is one to be emulated by all: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the  
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*



1           SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives expresses  
2           its heartfelt sympathy to the family of Eli Martin and remembers Mr.  
3           Martin for his unselfish and heroic service to our country.

4           SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
5           Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the family of Grant  
6           E. Martin.

